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Jan. 18 36-4f

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Nov. 25 4f-29

VALUABLE HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE.—The subscriber being about to leave this country, offers his Dwelling House and Lot for sale. The premises are situated in the business part of Honolulu, fronting on two streets, and have on them a well of water, water, cook house, barn, &c.—Also, a quantity of bearing Fruit Trees. J. TURKILL.
Mar 21 1851

REAL ESTATE.—Close to the beach fronting on Kaahumanu and Merchant streets, in the following lots fronting on Merchant street:
No 1, 40 ft 3 in front, 87 ft 10 in back.
No 2, 40 ft 3 in front, 101 ft 8 in back.
No 3, 40 ft 3 in front, 108 ft 6 in back.
No 4, 40 ft 3 in front, 41 ft back.
No 5, 44 ft 11 in front on Kaahumanu street.
No 6, 41 ft front, 85 feet 2 in back. Sold.
No 7, 41 ft front, 85 ft 2 in back.
Apply to STARKE, JANION & CO.
Honolulu, Sept. 26 4f-20

NOTICE.—The undersigned having received the appointment of Agent for the disposition of His Majesty's Private Lands, hereby gives notice to all persons who may from time to time wish to lease portions of the same, that it will be proper to address their applications to the undersigned at his office in the Palace.
CHARLES GORDON HOPKINS.
Feb 2 38-4f

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TO LEASE for a term of years.—Six acres of land on Waikiki Plain, near the residence of Wm. Jarrett. It is well situated for a hospital or any object of that character. Enquire at the National Hotel. 44-4f J. BOOTH.

FOR SALE, OR TO LET.—The whole or part of the premises known as the French Store, situated at the corner of Nuuanu and Marine Sts.—apply to Mr. James Wood, on the premises.
Honolulu, Feb. 1, 1851.—4f 38

FOR SALE.—A most commodious Family Residence, consisting of two stories, kitchen, wash-house, and well other out-buildings, entirely new, and finished in the most tasteful manner, without reference to expense. Situated in Manoa street, next to H. McFarlane's Esquire, family residence. For particulars apply to J. HENDERSON, at the store at the corner of King st.
Feb. 28, 1851.—4f 42 in Nuuanu st.

LAND FOR SALE.—The undersigned has a few lots of land situated on Waikiki plain, for private sale. Plans of the above may be seen at the auction room. 1-4f H. SEA.

VALUABLE house and lot for sale.—The new and commodious house recently erected by the subscribers, situated on Britania st, adjoining the residence of Dr. Rooke. Said house is built in a most thorough manner of the very best materials. It contains fourteen rooms with a cellar underneath 36x38 ft. Adjoining the same is a bathing house, cook house, an excellent well of water, etc. Said house is well adapted for a hotel or genteel boarding house. For further particulars apply to J. HENDERSON, at the corner of King st.
May 10, 4f-52 BRANDON & WOOD.

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TO THE UNITED STATES, via Panama, having Insurance policies in the Atlantic Mutual and other offices in New York, and our own in one of the best fire proof buildings in California, we are enabled to furnish the best security for persons desiring to insure or parcels by this line. Drafts at sight on agents Messrs. Thompson & Hitchcock, or Wall and Pearl streets, New York.
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Elliot, Portland, Oregon.
Mitchell & Co., Honolulu, H. I.
N. B.—An Express Mail with such other packages as may be sent, will be forwarded from these lands to the United States by every opportunity.
MITCHELL & CO.
Agents for the Hawaiian Islands.
Honolulu, Jan. 1, 1851.—34-4f

SCHOOL BOOKS.
JUST RECEIVED, per ship "Lee Choo," a large and well selected assortment of Elementary School Books, adapted to the wants of the schools in Honolulu, consisting of
Leavitt's reading books, 1st, 2d, 3d & 4th series.
Griggs & Elliott's do. 1st, 2d, 3d, and 4th series.
Webster's spelling book, United States do.
Robinson's primary arithmetic, do American do.
Wells' elementary grammar.
"English"
Nutting's drawing cards. Mattison's Astronomy.
Scholar's record book, Physiology for children.
Art of painting, national accountant.
Writing books, different varieties.
Bates' outline maps and keys.
Bliss' analysis of geography. Smith's geogra.
Together with a variety of juvenile reading and story books, including Arthur's, Abbott's, Charlotte Elizabeth, &c., &c. At Polynesian office.
Feb. 23 38-41

HOTELS.

National Dining Saloon.

THE undersigned proprietor of the above named establishment, is now prepared to accommodate boarders by the day or week and lodgers by the week or month. His table will always be found supplied with the best of the market affords, and will be served by European or American waiters, and his rooms are fitted with taste and neatness. His terms are as moderate as those of any similar establishment on the Islands.
Jan. 25 6m-37 J. B. FLANDREAU.

COMMERCIAL HOTEL.
HENRY MACFARLANE begs to acquaint his friends, and Gentlemen arriving in Honolulu, that his Hotel will be found to possess every requisite accommodation: Wines, Spirits, Ale and Porter, of superior quality. Superior Billiard Tables and Bowling Alleys, Hot, Cold, and Shower Baths.
WINE, SPIRITS, &c., &c. &c. &c.
Champagne, - - \$2 50 Whiskey, - - \$2 50
Port, - - 2 00 Brandy, Martell's, &c. 2 50
Sherry, - - 2 00 best, - - 2 50
Madeira, - - 2 00 Gin, Schiedam, best 2 50
Hock, - - 1 50 Ale, - - 75
Sauterne, - - 1 00 Porter, - - 75
Claret, - - 1 00 Cordials & Liqueurs 2 00
Cider, - - 1 00 Old Tom, - - 2 50
BATHS.
Hot Baths, - - - - - \$1 00
Cold and Shower Baths, - - - - - 50
Honolulu, September 21st, 1850.—19-1y.

HOTEL DE FRANCE.—Victor Chancelier & Medaille would respectfully inform their friends and the public that they have taken the above well known stand, where they will be happy at all times to wait upon those who may favor them with their patronage.
The bar will always be supplied with the best of liquors and cigars. The table will be furnished from the very best of the market affords. Board by the day or week. Pic-nic and private parties supplied at short notice. Good sleeping rooms attached to the premises.
[Sept 14—1y-18]

CANTON HOTEL.
THE UNDERSIGNED having taken the premises known as the Canton Hotel, lately occupied by Mr. Samuel Thompson, begs to notify the residents of Honolulu and transient visitors generally, that their bar will be constantly supplied with the choicest of Wines, Liquors, &c., and the table with the best viands the market affords, having secured the services of a first rate cook and steward, they hope by assiduity and strict attention to business, to merit a share of the public patronage.
N. B. A well fitted Billiard Room, Bowling Alley and sleeping apartments attached to the premises.
JOHN BARTLETT & CO.
Honolulu, July 20, 10-6m

MAINE HOTEL.
BROWN & FRIEL, would respectfully notify their friends and the public generally, that they have taken the above named establishment, where they will be happy to receive the calls of those who may favor them with their patronage.
The rooms are airy, and fitted up in elegant style. The bar will always be supplied with the choicest of wines, liquors and cigars. Two good bowling alleys are connected with the house.
Strangers visiting this port, and gentlemen resident in Honolulu, are respectfully invited to call and examine for themselves.
12-1y.

NEW HOTEL.
LIBERTY HALL.
The above House has recently been opened as a first class Hotel. No expense has been spared in fitting it with every modern convenience for comfort and elegance. The Bar will always be supplied with the best of Wines, Liquors and Cigars; and the proprietor hopes by strict attention to the wants of his customers, to merit a share of the public patronage.
JAMES DAWSON.
Honolulu, Sept. 7, 1850. 17 1y*

VISO CONSULAR.—Segun una circular que ha expedido el Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores de Chile, fecha 24 de Julio, a todos los Consulados de las naciones extranjeras; a todos aquellos a quienes concierne y convenga haga saber que con fecha 16 del mismo mes el Congreso ha promulgado una Ley concediendo a los buques extranjeros que visiten los puertos de Chile, las mismas franquicias de que gozan los nacionales, exceptuando solo que puedan hacer el cabotaje; con la condicion de que las respectivas naciones convengan en reciprocarse con dicha ley en todos sus puntos. Por tanto, y habiendo convenido el Gobierno de S. M. Hawaiiana aceptar y reciprocarse segun el sentido de la mencionada ley, los buques de cualquier nacionalidad que visiten los puertos de Chile, obtendran en este Consulado los documentos necesarios que los pondra en regla con las Aduanas de la Republica de Chile.
F. R. VIDA, Consul de Chile.
Honolulu, Diciembre 24 de 1850.

CONSULATE NOTICE.—In accordance with a circular which was issued by the Minister of Foreign Relations of Chile on the 24th of July, 1850, to Consuls of all nations. Be it known to all whom it may concern and relate, that by an act of the 16th July, 1850, a law was passed in the Chambers of Chile, relating to foreign vessels, by which law it was decreed that all vessels visiting the ports of Chile shall enjoy the same rights and privileges as those bearing the national flag, (excepting only as relating to the coasting trade) under this condition. That each respective nation to which this privilege extends, reciprocates the same advantages in each of their several ports. Therefore, having corresponded with the government of Chile, in order to accept and reciprocate the full sense of the law, be it known that captains of all Hawaiian vessels who from this date may visit any of the ports of Chile, will, upon applying at this consulate, obtain such necessary documents as shall establish the above named rights in all ports of the Republic.
F. R. VIDA, Consul of Chile.
Honolulu, Dec. 24, 1850 4f-33.

MAKOU, NA MEA NONA NA INOA
malalo nei, e noho ana ma Honolulu nei, ma ke noi ana o Starkey Janion 2 ma, ua ike pono makou ka hoao ana o kekahi pana hao i naaia i T. Milner ma, ma Liverpool, ma ke ahi wela i ke kahi hoko o ke hoike aku nei ma wela, i ka wela he ana o ka pana hao i, aole i wela ike na palapa i ka hoko o ka manua o ke ana o ke ahi. Ua pono maoli no.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, RESIDE
in Honolulu, having, at the request of Messrs. Starkey, Janion & Co., witnessed one of Messrs. Tho's Milner & Sons' (of Liverpool), a patent Fire resisting Safes exposed to the effects of fire and hot Coal fire for the space of one hour, do hereby certify, that upon the said Fire Resisting Safe being opened, we found letters and papers that had been deposited therein prior to the fire in an excellent state of preservation.
March 22, 1850.
J. C. Spaulding, F. R. Vida & Co., R. W. Wood, N. F. Sayre, Wm. Jarrett, Dr. E. Hoffmann, Leon de Aguirre, H. Haskell.

Ma ka hale kua o Starkey Janion ma, e ikeia na pahu hao i, i oleoia maluna, e me na palapa i wela ike. Safe above mentioned, with the letters and papers it contained, may be seen at the store of Messrs. STARKEY, JANION & CO. 44-4f

WHITE and Colored Blankets, extra large size, for sale by 46-4f ALDRICH & RUSS.

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REPORT

Of the Minister of Public Instruction, read in presence of the King to the Hawaiian Legislature, May 12, 1851.

TO THE NOBLES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS IN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ASSEMBLED:

In presenting before the Legislature an annual account of the Department of Public Instruction, it is my design to furnish information, as full and definite as the data in my possession will admit of, and to present it in a form as condensed as possible. But the number and nature of the points to be noticed, will, I fear, lead me to make heavier demands upon your patience than I could desire.

The returns from the twenty-five school districts, for the past year, have not been so perfect and satisfactory as they should be, but they are more so than in former years, and indicate an advance on the part of the school inspectors, in skill and general fitness for their offices, that is not a little encouraging.

SELECT SCHOOLS.
The following table will exhibit their number, situation and progress.

LOCATION.	Teachers.	By whom Supported.	No. Scholars.	Hawaiians.	Half Caste.	Pure White.	BRANCHES TAUGHT.	Cost in 1850.	When Founded.	Whole Cost.	Graduates.	Their Employments.
Boarding and Manual Labor School, Hilo.	Rev. D. B. Lyman.	A. B. C. F. M., and labor of Pupils.	55	55			Reading, writing, geography, arithmetic, singing, algebra, history, composition, and practical agriculture.	1150 00	1836	5,150	5	
The King's College, Lahaina.	Rev. W. P. Alexander, L. S. Ua.	Government, & Pupils' labor.	70	30	all		Sac. and mod. hist., arithm., Alg., geom., trigon., surv., nav., ant. and moral phil., astronomy, political economy, Hawaiian laws, music &c.	1362 12	1831	80,294		
Wailuku.	E. Bailey.	Parents of Pupils.	43	23	20		Eng. language, reading, spelling, writing, arithmetic, composition, drawing maps, geography, &c.	456 00	1849			
Select School, Makawao.	Miss M. E. Green.	Parents of Pupils.	20	10	6	4	Reading, writing, spelling, arithmetic, grammar, history, philosophy, music.	400 00	1849			
Mission School, Punahou.	Rev. D. Dole, W. H. Rice, Mrs. D. Mrs. R., and Miss M. Smith.	A. B. C. F. M.	35		35		Reading, gram., math., geog., hist., history, writing, composition, music, natural philosophy, French, Latin, Greek and Agriculture.	4000 00	1841	31,270		
Royal Select School, Honolulu.	J. Fuller.	Hawaiian Government and Patrons.	35	9	3	23	Reading, writing, spelling, arithmetic, mental arithmetic, English, grammar, Latin, geog., nat. philosophy, history, rhetoric, composition, &c.	567 40	1835			
Select School, Honolulu.	Mrs. Wiseman.	Parents of Pupils.	20				Reading, writing, arithmetic, grammar, geography, and history.	800 00	AUG. 1850			
Native Select School, Honolulu.	Joseph Watt.	Parents of Pupils.	40	all			English language, and other elementary branches.	960 00	MAR 1850			
Charity School, Honolulu.	B. Soden.	Subscriptions.	35	1	29	5	Reading, writing, grammar, geography, arithmetic, &c.	750 00	1833	18,250		
Roman Catholic School, Ahuimanu.	Desvaut.	By the charitable.	25	22	3		Reading, writing, geography, French, religion, and music.	2045 00				
Boarding and Manual Labor School, Waioli.	A. Wilcox and H. Alemanu.	A. B. C. F. M. and Pupils.	33	33			Mathematics, geography, history, composition, natural &c.	500 00	1841			

The Select Native School of Rev. E. Bond, of Kohala, was omitted, in the above Table, the Report not having been received in season. It embraces 22 scholars; is supported by his own liberality; and cost, during 1850, the sum of \$350.
N.B.—There are several other Select Schools in operation, but they have not reported to this Department.

In an ignorant, vicious, and degraded community. Or should this measure be deemed inexpedient, let some other provision be made for the instruction of this most important class of children.

THE ROYAL SCHOOL.
It was stated in my last Report to the Legislature, that the Royal School had been so modified as to admit other children than the young chiefs, as day scholars. The plan has worked well, and the school has accomplished much good. Fewer evils and greater advantages have resulted from the association of the two races in the same school, than was anticipated, while the introduction of day scholars from white families, greatly diminished the expenses of the school to government for the last year, which were only \$559.40.

In February, 1850, the services of Mr. J. Fuller were engaged for one year, on a salary of \$1500, at the expiration of which time, that gentleman retired from the school, and it has been discontinued ever since.
But measures have been taken to procure a suitable teacher for this school from the United States. Anticipating the vacancy, I was authorized by the King in Council, in November last, to guarantee to a person suitable for the situation, a salary of \$1500 a year; and letters have been written to several distinguished friends of education in the United States, to procure such a teacher. Replies have been received to some of these letters, and the prospect is that a teacher will arrive during the Summer.

In the mean time the young chiefs connected with the school, are either attending a select day school, or are being instructed in music, both vocal and instrumental, by a gentleman of good reputation for skill in this pleasing art, and their progress is said to be very commendable.
In my Report to the Legislature of last year, it was stated, that the location of the school house attached to the Royal School was very objectionable, on account of its being in the midst of the town, where the heat is intense, the air confined by adobe walls, and the scholars too much exposed to the public. Being more and more satisfied of this from the frequent complaints of teachers, pupils and parents; and being authorized by law to provide suitable buildings for the school, in January last, I applied to the Board of Finance for funds to erect a suitable and substantial school house for the Royal School, in the rear of Honolulu, on a lot of land, which had been previously purchased for the purpose, at a very reasonable rate, by order of the King in Council. The sum of \$5,000 was granted for the object, and a stone coral building, 60 feet by 50, is now in progress there. This will afford two ample school rooms; and, pursuant to the plan heretofore adopted, of receiving day scholars from the city and neighborhood,

A comparison of this with the tables of select schools contained in former reports of this department shows a very considerable advance in this branch of our institutions. It appears, too, from the above table, that the number of children on the Islands, who are acquiring a knowledge of the English language is increasing from year to year.

In 1848 there were 300.
1849 " " 336.
1850 " " 421.

With the exception of the Royal School, none of these select schools, in which instruction is given solely in the English language, are supported by government, and an account of them is given here merely that the Legislature may have a full view of all the provision that is made, of whatever kind, for the instruction of the general population that is now coming up. It will appear evident to all, that the provision is not sufficient for all. The revenue arising from the present school tax is entirely exhausted in sustaining the native common schools, in which instruction is imparted in the Hawaiian language only by native teachers; and so high is the price of labor, that in some of the districts, the school funds are barely sufficient to keep the schools in operation for eight or nine months in the year. The only other source of revenue for the support of the public schools, is the land that was appropriated for that purpose by the last Legislature; but as the interest only on the money realized from such land can be used, there have been no available resources, as yet, from that quarter, although land has been sold to the amount of \$3,500.

What seems to be most needed now, is provision for the instruction of the interesting and increasing numbers of white and half-caste children in the several white settlements on the Islands; but more especially in Honolulu; and for natives who wish to acquire the English language. The most, in fact, nearly all, white settlers speak the English language, and require to have their children taught in that language. But there being no provision made for such instruction, by law, it is irregular and uncertain, and, in some places, not attended to at all; as neither white nor half-caste children anywhere attend the public schools taught by natives.

Should such neglect continue, the sad consequences cannot fail to appear in due time, in the ignorance, vice, and degradation of this part of our population. I venture, therefore, to suggest to the Legislature, the enactment of a law, to provide for the education of the white and half-caste children, by special tax upon the white population, to be under the control, however, of a board or boards of trustees elected by themselves, only accounting, annually, to the King's Government for the funds they may receive. If any object to such a tax, let him consider which he will prefer, to pay a light school tax now, even though he may not be directly benefited thereby in the least, or a heavy and, perhaps, a crushing tax by and by, to support prisons, poor houses, police officers, or perhaps, even a standing army, to say nothing of the ten thousand annoyances of living

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will accommodate 70 or 80 without inconvenience. The situation is retired, cool and airy, with good water at hand, and a fine prospect of the sea. Should our present plans in regard to the school succeed, it will naturally assume the form of an Academy, with a primary department attached, where, not only the young chiefs may be taught, but others also from the city, and different parts of the Islands, who may wish to enjoy its advantages. Considering the rising prospects of Honolulu and the increasing number of white families on the Islands, and the consequence increasing demand for an elevated standard of education, the desirableness of a high school in this central position, embracing also instruction in the primary branches, is most apparent; and the Royal School thus modified into an Academy, will not probably cost more, perhaps not so much, to government as in its original form, while its sphere of usefulness will be greatly enlarged. It is worthy of consideration also, whether the school thus modified, would not secure a larger share of patronage, and a higher degree of prosperity, were its government placed in the hands of a Board of Trustees, chosen partly from among the native chiefs, and partly from among white residents. I have but little doubt that it would, and therefore I commend the subject to the consideration of the Legislature. United and persevering effort only will be necessary to maintain, here, an Academy that cannot fail to do credit to the place, and more good to the nation, than can be computed in silver or gold.

It may not be out of place to make a remark here in regard to another important select school in the vicinity of Honolulu. I allude to that of the American Mission at Panahou. Of its history and general character the Legislature is not ignorant. Its location is beautiful, delightful, and not very inconvenient to Honolulu; and it is the only English school on the Islands, in which, what are commonly called the dead, and some of the living languages, and mathematics, and some of the branches preparatory to a college in such, have been taught for some ten years past. But hitherto it has been confined almost entirely to the children of the American missionaries, for whom it was originally established, in order to save the necessity of their being sent to the land of their parents, for education.

But there is good reason for stating that a modification in the plan of that school is under consideration by the Mission, by which it may be opened, within a short time, to the public; and thus afford at once, a wider and better prospect before the youth of our Islands, for education in the higher branches of science, than they ever yet had. In the control of that institution, the King's government has no share whatever; but should the change alluded to take place, and the proposition meet the approbation of the Mission, the higher interests of education might be greatly promoted, by a transfer of, both that institution and the Royal School, modified as before stated, to the same Board of Trustees; be open to the public, like similar institutions in other countries; the latter for instruction in primary studies, and the former in the higher branches. Their uniformity, efficiency, economy and system, might thus be promoted, and with the fostering care of government, in a few years, we may see these two institutions sustaining to each other, the relation of Academy and College, and our Island youth relieved the painful necessity of leaving their homes and traveling to the other side of the globe, in order to prepare themselves to enter upon the study of either of the learned professions, or to acquire a liberal education. No such necessity should be allowed to exist, and will not be, if proper efforts are put forth and wisely directed on a sufficiently extended scale. In what way such an arrangement may be effected, and what plan should be devised for the government and support of these institutions, is a matter of detail that I need not in one form or other, will doubtless be called for, in order to its accomplishment, and in no way can a portion of the public mind be better expended than in thus providing for the education of a portion of our youth in these higher and more difficult branches, without which, the nation must never expect to depend upon foreigners, not only for its teachers, and professional men, but for its rulers. The select schools in which instruction is given in the native tongue exclusively are of great importance to the prosperity of the common schools, and has been the object of the teachers on Hawaii were taught in the select schools at Hilo and Kohala; in like manner are the schools on Kauai supplied with teachers from the select school at Waioli.

THE SEMINARY AT LAHAINA.
This institution has been in a depressed condition, during the past year, owing to the same cause as stated in my last report, viz: the absence of one of its teachers and the enfeebled health of the other. Efforts have been made to procure the requisite aid in the instruction of that school, but as yet without success, and it is impossible at present, to tell when it can be resuscitated, and put in full and successful operation.

[Since the above paragraph was written, another foreign instructor, the Rev. J. F. Rogers, has been appointed, and the health of Mr. Alexander being in a great measure restored, there is now a fair prospect that this important institution will be immediately revived, and seventy or eighty scholars be placed under its instruction.]
Though depressed, that Seminary has not been wholly abandoned. It has, in fact, accomplished much good during the year past. The number of pupils during the year has been thirty, all pure Hawaiians; and the instruction they have received has been most profitable. No evil, but many good reports have been received concerning the school, and though comparatively reduced in numbers, it is believed to have accomplished vastly more than it cost the government during the year.
The whole cost of that Seminary, to the government for the year ending March 31st, was \$1862.12. Should it be revived, however, as there is good reason to hope that it will be in a short time, at least \$6,000, annually, the amount appropriated last year, will be needed to sustain it efficiently. Less than two foreign and two native teachers ought not to be thought of, for the institution, and to keep the buildings in repair, and meet the incidental expenses, will require a considerable outlay annually.
A select school for instruction in the French language has been recently commenced in Honolulu, with good prospects.
THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
A summary of these will be found in the following table, together with the account of receipts and disbursements for the year 1850 inclusive. The returns for the first quarter of the year not having come in, in season, are not here reported. The table is based upon the reports of school inspectors of the 25 school districts, and may be relied on in the main correct.
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The table shows a diminution in the number of scholars in the public schools, of 312 since the close of the year 1849; but the ratio of decrease is much smaller than it was during that year; which was shown, in my report of last year, to have been 3,408. The diminished ratio of decrease in 1850, was doubtless owing to the fact, that that was a year of general health throughout the Islands; and the small absolute decrease of 312 scholars in the public schools during that year, is nearly accounted for by the increased number that left those schools to join the select schools, for the purpose of learning the English language; and not by an actual decrease in the number of children on the Islands, of a suitable age to attend school.
The whole amount expended on the 543 public schools during the year 1850 being \$25,891.96, was \$3,902.13 more than the cost during the year previous. This was owing to the increase of the wages of the teachers, and also to the fact that the change of the pahaio, or labor tax, to a capitation tax, has increased the school funds, and consequently authorized a larger outlay.
The entire amount expended on the Sandwich Islands for educational purposes during the year, may be estimated as follows:
On the public schools, \$25,891.96.
On select schools supported by gov't, 1,929.52.
On select schools supported by voluntary efforts, 11,061.00.
Minister's salary, clerk hire, stationery, &c., 4,264.11.
\$45,146.59.
Supposing the population to be 85,000, which is not far from the truth, the above amount would be 50 cents for every individual; or supposing the taxable male population to be 15,000, it would amount to \$2.68 for each man, were the whole amount raised by taxation.
A small debt of \$518.14 stood against the government in favor of the schools, on the 31st of December last, but it appears from the returns of the school treasurers and collectors, that a balance of cash remained in their hands, much more than sufficient to cancel this debt. So far as can be ascertained from the reports, the balance was about \$7,040.36, although many of the treasurers and collectors are not so skilled in keeping accounts, as to justify entire confidence in any estimate that may be based upon their report. The balance was not all the overplus funds of last year, but was